

## **Program D: Office of the Pardon Board**

Program Authorization: Article XIV of 1974 Louisiana Constitution; R.S. 15:572-574.1; R.S. 36:409; R.S. 15:1111; Hayes Williams, et al v. John McKeithen, et al CA 71-98-B (M.D. La.)

### **Program Description**

The mission of the Pardon Board, whose five members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state senate, is to recommend clemency relief (that is, commutation of sentence, restoration of parole eligibility, pardon, and restoration of rights) for offenders who have shown that they have been rehabilitated and have been or can become law-abiding citizens. In taking these actions, especially when deliberations involve the amount of time a person will remain incarcerated, the board seeks to strike a balance between public safety and provision of an incentive for offenders who have no release dates. No recommendation is implemented until the governor signs said recommendation.

The goal of the Pardon Board is to continue to provide expeditious hearing and objective determination of applications for clemency. Amendment #8, which was passed in the October 1999 election, provides that first offenders no longer receive automatic pardons after their time has been served.

## RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$306,083	\$318,331	\$318,331	\$329,541	\$319,713	\$1,382
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	36,068	36,068	36,068
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<b>\$306,083</b>	<b>\$318,331</b>	<b>\$318,331</b>	<b>\$365,609</b>	<b>\$355,781</b>	<b>\$37,450</b>
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$235,645	\$247,116	\$247,116	\$230,483	\$229,821	(\$17,295)
Other Compensation	9,546	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	40,517	55,816	55,816	93,357	87,120	31,304
Total Operating Expenses	20,375	15,399	15,399	19,969	17,040	1,641
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	0	0	0	4,800	4,800	4,800
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	0	0	0	17,000	17,000	17,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	<b>\$306,083</b>	<b>\$318,331</b>	<b>\$318,331</b>	<b>\$365,609</b>	<b>\$355,781</b>	<b>\$37,450</b>
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	1	2	2	2	2	0
Unclassified	5	5	5	5	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

## SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund and Statutory Dedications from the Deficit Elimination/Capital Outlay Escrow Replenishment Fund (created in La. R.S. 39:137). Statutory Dedications are funded by taxes (Per R.S. 39:36B. (8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedication fund.

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>ACT 12</b>	<b>EXISTING</b>	<b>CONTINUATION</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
	<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>OVER/(UNDER)</b>
						<b>EXISTING</b>
Deficit Elimination Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,068	\$36,068	\$36,068

## MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
<b>\$318,331</b>	<b>\$318,331</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002</b>
			<b>BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:</b>
\$0	\$0	0	None
<b>\$318,331</b>	<b>\$318,331</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001</b>
\$1,145	\$1,145	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$827	\$827	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
\$17,000	\$17,000	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$20,457)	(\$20,457)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	\$36,068	0	Group Insurance Adjustment
(\$42,395)	(\$42,395)	(1)	Gubernatorial position reduction
\$9,000	\$9,000	0	Workload Adjustment - Additional travel funding needs
\$42,262	\$42,262	1	Other Adjustments - Realign budget recommendations to Department Budget Adjustment Decision Package
(\$6,000)	(\$6,000)	0	Other Adjustments - Reduction in Travel expenditure recommendation
<b>\$319,713</b>	<b>\$355,781</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>\$319,713</b>	<b>\$355,781</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003</b>
			<b>SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:</b>
\$0	\$0	0	None
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE</b>
<b>\$319,713</b>	<b>\$355,781</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

This program does not have funding for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

## **OTHER CHARGES**

This program does not have funding for Other Charges for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

## **ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS**

\$17,000 Replacement of telephone system and provide for a public address system for the hearing room

**\$17,000 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS**